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SUBJECT: CARICOM SUBMISSION OF UNIFIED GSP PRODUCTS LIST

REF: GEORGETOWN'S A-64 OF 6/30/74

1. EMBASSY APPRECIATES ARA/CAR/G ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING US TRADE STATISTICS. EMBOFF PRESENTED THEM TO CARICOM OFFICIALS TODAY 9/16. DURING ENSUING DISCUSSION, CHIEF TRADE AND TARIFFS (HANLEY) ADVISED THAT UNIFIED CARICOM LIST HAS BEEN PREPARED. IT NOW AWAITING APPROVAL OF MEMBER STATES. UNLIKE LIST SUBMITTED EARLIER NEW ONE CONTAINS SOME DIFFERENT PRODUCTS AND DOES NOT INDICATE INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES. CARICOM ANTICIPATES ITS APPROVAL AS A QUOTE COUNTRY UNQUOTE UNDER SECTION 502 (A) (3) OF TRA.

2. HANLEY HAD QUESTIONS ABOUT SEVERAL POINTS IN TITLE V. WHICH CAN PROBABLY ONLY BE ANSWERED DEFINITELY AFTER FINAL

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PASSAGE OF ACT AND PUBLICATION OF REGULATIONS. NEVERTHELESS,

WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPT'S VIEWS ON FOLLOWING POINTS EITHER AS
UNOFFICIAL COMMENT OR ON FYI BASIS:

(A) SECTION 503 (C) (1) - IN DETERMINING PERCENTAGE OF APPRAISED
VALUE OF ARTICLE, CAN U.S. -MADE COMPONENT BE INCLUDED AS PART
OF BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY'S PRODUCT? FOR EXAMPLE, IF
TOTAL LOCAL PRODUCT JUD VALUE ADDED BY MANUFACTURE COMES TO 40
PERCENT OF APPRAISED VALUE, AND 10 PERCENT OFPRODUCT ORIGINATED
IN U.S. CAN THIS BE ADDED TO MAKE TOTAL BENEFICIARY COUNTRY ORIGIN
OF 50 PERCENT? UNDERSTAND THIS IS METHOD USED BY EEC.

(B) SECTION 504 (C) - DOES BENEFICIARY DEVELOPING COUNTRY LOSE
SUCH STATUS IMMEDIATELY AFTER DOLS 25 MILLION LIMIT IS REACHED
OR AFTER END OF CALENDAR YEAR? FOR EXAMPLE, IF DOLS 30 MILLION
OF ARTICLE WERE SHIPPED BY CARICOM DURING CALENDAR YEAR, WOULD DUTY
FREE STATUS CEASE UPON REACHING DOLS 25 MILLION OR WOULD ENTIRE
DOLS 30 MILLION ENJOY GSP BENFIT?

(C) SECTION 502 (A) (3) - SHOULD ONE MEMBER OF CARICOM BECOME
INELIGIBLE FOR BENEFICIAL KSYOAQASK
RJQNAIYIS MAKE ASSOCIATION (#)
INELIGIBLE AND RETRN OTHER MEMBER STATES TO INDIVIDUAL STATUS?

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NOTE BY OC/T: (#) AS RECEIVED.

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